

**Executive
Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office Of The Governor**

WHEREAS, Carl Johnson and Ida Fossum immigrated to the United States from their native Norway in the 1880s; and,

WHEREAS, Carl Johnson and Ida Fossum settled in Lincoln County, South Dakota, where they met, fell in love and married; and,

WHEREAS, A daughter, Opal Irene, was born of that marriage on March 11, 1911; and,

WHEREAS, Opal was raised and educated in Fairview, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Opal met, fell in love with, and married William Henry Peterson of Mitchell, South Dakota, on June 10, 1933; and,

WHEREAS, Opal and William produced one son of that marriage, William Gene, and enjoyed a very successful and happy marriage until William's passing in 1977; and,

WHEREAS, Opal and William owned and operated the Tip Top Cafe in Vermillion for twenty years where they were renowned for their good food and friendly service; and

WHEREAS, Opal has cooked, counseled, and consoled a generation of Kappa Alpha Thetas, Chi Omegas, and Sigma Nus at the University of South Dakota since 1974; and

WHEREAS, Opal is known for her feisty personality, her generosity and compassion for others, and her good cooking; and

WHEREAS, Opal has now reached that important milestone, her 75th year of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota,
do hereby proclaim March 11, 1986, as

OPAI IRENE JOHNSON PETERSON DAY

In South Dakota in honor of her 75th birthday.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused to be affixed
the Great Seal of the State of South
Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City,
this Twenty-eighth Day of February, In
the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred
and Eighty-Six

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE KUNDER, SECRETARY OF STATE

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